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IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1. (Cancel) Topical treatment of psoriasis with formulations (creams, gels, . . .) to accomplish non-physiologic high concentrations of Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF), which can down-regulate the expression of the EGF-Receptor.
- 2. (Cancel) Psoriasis treatment with topical formulations, containing EGF in concentrations of 0.01 to to 50 micrograms/gram.
- 3. (Cancel) Topical formulations containing 0.5-20 microgram EGF/gram of formulation.
- 4. (Cancel) Topical creams, containing 0.1-3% sulfadiazine and 0.5-20 micrograms EGF/gram for the treatment of psoriasis.
- 5. (Cancel) Topical formulations, containing anti-inflammatory products, in combination with epidermal growth factor.
- 6. (Cancel) Topical formulations, containing EGF in combination with anti-inflammatory products and other dematologically-beneficial products, for the treatment of proriasis.
- 7. (Cancel) Topical formulations, containing 10µg EGF and 1% of sulfadiazine for the treatment of psoriasis.
- 8. (Cancel) Systemic treatment of psoriasis patients with 0.001 10 microgram of EFG/kg.
- 9. (Original) Topical and systemic treatment of psoriasis patients with precursor molecules of epidermal growth factor, such as fibroblast growth factor.

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- 10. (Original) Treatment with products, with similar biological action as EGF, such as urogastrone or fractions of the EGF molecule.
- 11. (New) A method for treating psoriasis in a patient in need thereof comprising the step of administering a topical formulation.

wherein said formulation comprises epidermal growth factor as the sole active agent, and wherein the patient is a human being.

- 12. (New) <u>The method according to claim 11, wherein the topical formulation contains EGF in a concentration of 0.01 to 50 micrograms/gram formulation.</u>
- 13. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the topical formulation contains EGF in a concentration of 0.5 to 20 micrograms EGF/gram formulation.
- 14. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the formulation further comprises an anti-inflammatory product.
- 15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the formulation is a topical cream containing 0.1 to 3% (w/w) of sulfadiazine and 0.5 to 20 micrograms EGF/gram formulation.
- 16. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the formulation comprises 10µg EGF and 1% (w/w) sulfadiazine.
- 17. (New) A method for treating psoriasis in a patient in need thereof comprising the step of systemically administering 0.001 to 10 micrograms of EGF/kg body weight.